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For: Workers Compensation Information Processing System	

DECLARATION

We, Sheryl Lee Wilson and John R. Stevens, hereby declare that

1. We are joint inventors of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application and are familiar with the contents of the application, which was filed through our attorneys on February 17, 2000.

2 We have reviewed and understand the contents referred to in this declaration.

3. We completed the invention, having made drawings, computer code and graphic display content therein and disclosed the same to others, in this country prior to November 11, 1999, the publication date of a press release StellarNet Releases First Internet Based Claims Verification Product For Worker's Compensation Industry by Robert McCaffery.

4. Prior to November 11, 1999, we prepared programs and produced the graphic display content attached hereto (and which date of production has been redacted). This graphic display content was also submitted with the above-identified application.

5. Figure 6 attached is a graphic produced by the graphical user interface that prompts the provider to input data concerning a workers' compensation claim, and prompts the user to send (Ok to Send) the information electronically. Figure 8A illustrates a claim verification service input electronic form, which is provided to the provider computer, which through the program sends an electronic claim number request containing at least some of the

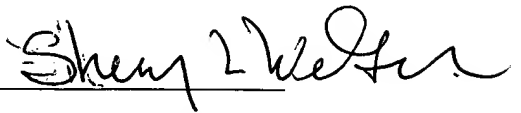
data across the Internet to a workers' compensation claim verification system. If there is a matching workers' compensation claim number, the workers' compensation claims verification system is adapted to electronically supply the matching workers' compensation claim number to the provider computer as Figure 8B illustrates. As indicated the resulting web page is based upon the input made by the provider, and includes the claim number (i.e. CA334848399), which can be used by the provider in bills and reports. If there is no matching workers' compensation claim number Figure 8C shows an alert e-Mail which is sent by the Workers' Compensation server to the payer computer to notify the payer of the potential problem due to a lack of a Worker's Compensation number assigned to the claim. Thus, the workers' compensation claims verification system automatically sends an indication of the lack of determining the workers' compensation claim number to a selected one of a plurality of payer computers as more fully described in the specification.

6. This work demonstrates that prior to November 11, 1999 we possessed a system comprising: software accessed at a provider computer, the software adapted to: prompt the provider to input data concerning a workers' compensation claim, send an electronic claim number request containing at least some of the data across the Internet to a workers' compensation claim verification system; and a workers' compensation claims verification system adapted to receive the at least some of the data; and determine a matching workers' compensation claim number associated with said data; and, if there is a matching workers' compensation claim number, the workers' compensation claims verification system is adapted to electronically supply the matching workers' compensation claim number to the provider computer, or if there is no matching workers' compensation claim number, the workers' compensation claims verification system automatically sends an indication of the lack of determining the workers' compensation claim number to a selected one of a plurality of payer computers.


7. We hereby declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are and were made with the knowledge that willful false statements

and the like so made are punishable by fine imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 10/25/04


Sheryl Lee Wilson

Date: 10/29/04


John R. Stevens